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CHARGES,

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IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES vs. ALFONS KLEIN AND OTHERS TRIED AT WIESBADEN, GERMANY, BEFORE A MILITARY COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, SEVENTH UNITED STATES ARMY, IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1945.

"The Hadamar Case".

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL
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CHARGE: VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Specification: In that ALFONS KLEIN, ADOLF WAHLMANN, HEINRICH RUOFF, KARL WILLIG, ADOLF MERKLE, IRMGARD HUBER, and PHILIPP BLUM, acting jointly and in pursuance of a common intent and acting for and on behalf of the then German Reich, did, from on or about 1 July 1944 to on or about 1 April 1945 at Hadamar, Germany, wilfully, deliberately and wrongfully, aid, abet and participate in the killing of human beings of Polish and Russian nationality, their exact names and number being unknown but aggregating in excess of 400, and who were then and there confined by the then German Reich as an exercise of belligerent control.

Anklage: Verletzung des Voelkerrechts.

Einzelheiten: ALFONS KLEIN, ADOLF WAHLMANN, HEINRICH RUOFF, KARL WILLIG, ADOLF MERKLE, IRMGARD HUBER und PHILIPP BLUM werden angeschuldigt, gemeinsam, in Ausfuehrung eines gameinschaftlichen Vorsatzes und fuer und im Interesse des damaligen deutschen Reiches handelnd, in der Zeit von ungefaehr 1. Juli 1944 bis ungefaehr 1. April 1945, in Hadamar, Deutschland, vorsaetzlich, mit Vorbedacht und rechtswidrig bei der Toetung von mindestens 400 Menschen Russischer und Polnischer Staatsangehoerigkeit, deren genaue Namen und Zahl unbekannt sind, und die zu der Zeit dort vom damaligen deutschen Reich unter der Machtbefugnis einer kriegfuehrenden Partei gefangen gehalten wurden, mitgewirkt, Beihilfe geleistet und teilgenommen zu haben.

Diese Uebersetzung dient ausschliesslich zum Verstaendnis fuer die

Angeklagten und deren Verteidiger

(Signature of accuser) Meade F. Griffin
/t/ MEADE F. GRIFFIN,
Lt. Col., Inf.
(Grade, organization, arm, or service)

AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above-named accuser this 19 day of September, 1945, and made oath that he is a person subject to military law and that he personally signed the foregoing charges and specifications, and further that he has investigated the matters set forth in specification of the Charge and the Charge, and that the same are true in fact, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signature) Charles H. Taylor
(Grade and organization)
/t/ CHARLES H. TAYLOR
Capt., JAGD
(Official character, as summary court, notary public, etc.

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Upon secret/ballot, two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote was taken concurring in each finding of guilty, as to each accused, the Commission finds the accused:

ALFONS KLEIN

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty.

ADOLF WAHLMANN

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty.

HEINRICH RUOFF

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty

KARL WILLIG

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty.

ADOLF MERKLE

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty.

IRMGARD HUBER

Of the Specification and the Charge: Guilty.

PHILIPP BLUM

Of the Specification: Guilty, except the words "1 April 1945" and "400," substituting respectively therefor the words "23 August 1944" and "70," of the excepted words Not Guilty, of the substituted words Guilty.

Of the Charge: Guilty.

The Commission, upon secret written ballot, two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote was taken concurring, as to each accused, sentences the accused:

ALFONS KLEIN

To be hanged by the neck until dead.

ADOLF WAHLMANN

To be confined at hard labor, at such place as the reviewing authority may direct, for the rest of his natural life.

HEINRICH RUOFF

To be hanged by the neck until dead.

KARL WILLIG

To be hanged by the neck until dead.

ADOLF MERKLE

To be confined at hard labor, at such place as the reviewing authority may direct, for thirty-five (35) years.

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IRMGARD HUBER

To be confined at hard labor, at such place as the reviewing authority may direct, for twenty-five (25) years.

PHILIPP BLUM

To be confined at hard labor, at such place as the reviewing authority may direct, for thirty (30) years.

The president announced the findings and sentence.

I certify that the foregoing three pages contain a true and accurate copy of the Charges and Specifications, the Findings as to each accused, and the Sentence as to each accused, in the case of United States v Alfons Klein, et al.

Samuel Sonenfield

SAMUEL SONENFIELD,
Captain, JAGD.
War Crimes Branch.

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